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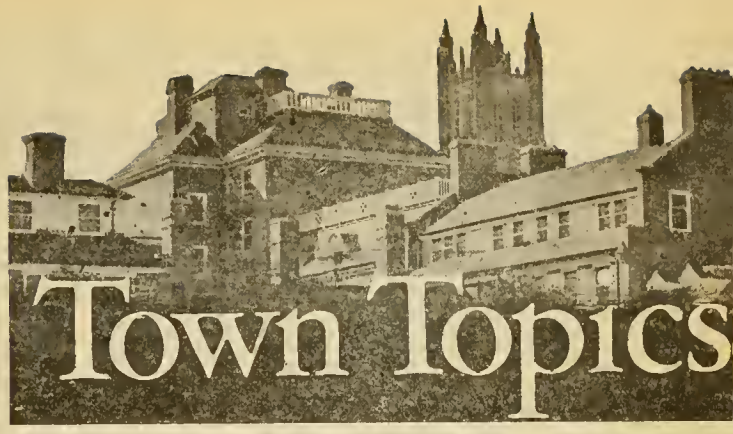

WE NOMINATE

John Kenneth Dupress, 24-year old Princeton University sophomore, who describes himself as "just a carefree, old bachelor with no responsibilities." This past week, as a grateful nation paused to pay homage to its war dead and to pray once more that "these dead may not have died in vain," Dupress was deeply conscious of the immediate past but was working for the future. Totally blind and further handicapped by the loss of his left hand, this infantry veteran of World War II was successfully listening his way through Princeton, cramming for final examinations by playing and re-playing recorded term assignments.

A native of Fitchburg, Mass., and an orphan since grade-school days, Dupress—within the space of 30 months—has accomplished miracles. It was in December, 1944, that he was wounded in 26 places and captured behind German lines. The Nazis disregarded his injuries, penned him in an enclosure for a fortnight, permitted infection to destroy his eyesight. A year later Dupress was a civilian, after he had mastered Braille in near-record time. Accompanied only by "Elmer," his cane, he toured the East's colleges and finally selected Princeton where no one attempted to limit the scope of his courses.

Frequently weekending in New York, often to shop for supplies for his hobby of electronics, Dupress has evolved a unique system of studying. He carries to classes a wire-recording machine which takes down every learned word. Back in his room, he plays the lectures and, speaking into a second microphone, summarizes the highlights of the discourses on small, plastic discs. These records he identifies by Braille Markings and files in looseleaf binders. In the same way, paid student readers record text assignments, a procedure that permits them to serve as Dupress' "eyes" at any convenient time and that makes it possible for Dupress to hear difficult passages over and over again.

Although he plans to become a psychologist, Dupress finds himself giving increasingly more time to electronics. He builds radio receivers, works for the campus electronics club he has organized and hopes to establish soon a commercial organization tentatively called "Campus Recordings." Dupress pokes fun at "those persons who think I should sit on a porch and not roam around like I do. There's not more than one out of a thousand things I do a month that I have to have to ask for help on. It's not because I think I am good, but because I know it's possible to get along perfectly well without too much assistance."

For symbolizing the rare kind of courage that won World War II and that will be one of the determining factors in fighting the continuing battles of peace; for demonstrating to one and all that faith and perseverance can conquer even where the wonders of science fail; he is TOWN TOPICS' first undergraduate nominee for

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What of the Sabbath? Four days before what might well be one of the quietest primaries in Princeton history, the far-off elections of next November stole the spotlight. Voters of the Borough may at that time express their opinion on an issue guaranteed to stir up interest: shall Princeton repeal its ancient Blue Laws and permit an "open Sunday?".

Awaiting study by the mayor and council is a petition requesting a referendum on this topic next November 5. If it is found to bear 152 bona fide signatures of the municipality's registered voters—five percent of the 3,031 who voted in 1946—such a question will appear on the ballot next Fall.

Should an affirmative majority be returned, the governing body will then legislate on the extent to which the town may operate bars, taverns, bowling alleys and even motion picture theatres (despite the fact that The Playhouse now functions under permission granted to it under war-time powers held by former Governor Charles Edison.) Whatever the fate of the petition and the decision on the referendum, some laws still on Princeton's books were due for repeal: technically it is still forbidden to open any stores on Sunday, even to sell a newspaper.

Quiet Tuesday. As aforementioned, voting Tuesday should be extremely light, for there is but one contest on the Republican ballot, none on the Dem-

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Princeton Step Songs. This brand new album of well-known Princeton songs, recently recorded by one of the best undergraduate glee clubs of all time, should be cause for rejoicing among alumni and townspeople who have loved the singing that has swelled out from the campus on spring evenings.

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The Tigers on the steps of Nassau Hall, photographed in the moonlight, make the orange and black album eye-filling in itself. On the back cover is a picture of the glee club, a list of the songs and program notes about the songs and their Princeton authors. Al-

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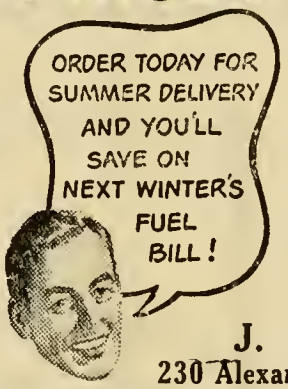

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ocratic, little interest in the need for a constitutional convention. Lone race: B. L. Gulick, Jr., of Princeton will battle it out with Mearl Challender and Thomas J. Spair for sheriff on the G.O.P. ticket. Princetonian Edward A. Thorne is running unopposed on the Democratic slate for freeholder.

For the past month, however, a small committee of Princetonians worked hard and quietly in a final attempt to keep the two-party system alive in their town. This week, they admitted that efforts to run an opposition slate to former Mayor Charles R. Erdman, Jr., Councilmanic candidates J. Dayton Voorhees and John W. Stalker had been unavailing. Whether a last-minute write-in campaign would develop for a strong candidate who would be willing to run next Fall remained a possibility until Tuesday. This week, the chance was remote but under definite consideration.

Miscellany. Irving W. Mershon heads the Borough Bicentennial Committee, assisted by B. F. Bunn, B. Woodhull Davis, Harold W. Hinkson, James F. Pace and Joseph J. Redding . . . decorations featuring Old Glory will be hung from each of 54 light poles on Washington Road, Nassau Street and University Place in observance of the university's celebration June 16 and 17 . . . contributions underwriting the project will be welcomed by the committee, care of Box 449 . . . TOWN TOPICS'

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Saturday, May 31st

4:00 p.m.: Baseball: Princeton University vs. Fordham; University Field.

Sunday, June 1st

7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:00 a.m.: Mass, St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church.

11:00 a.m.: Sermon, the Rev. Dr. Arthur L. Kinsolving; presentation of United Thank Offering; Trinity Church.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper; Baptism and Reception of Members; Methodist Church.

"The Wide-Open Gates," the Rev. Dr. Frank S. Niles; Sacrament of the Lord's Supper; First Church.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, Music under direction of Herbert V. Pate; Second Church.

Lutheran Service of Worship, Sermon, the Rev. Milton J. Nauss; Chapel of Westminster Choir College.

Friends Service of Worship; Murray-Dodge Hall, University Campus.

University Preacher, Dr. J. Edgar Park, of Osterville, Mass.; University Chapel.

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Noon: House-to-House Collection of Salvage Paper, sponsored by Princeton Post No. 76, American Legion.

7:30 p.m.: Special Musical Service, Trinity Church.

8:00 p.m.: "The Morning Star," the Rev. Dr. Niles; First Church.

8:15 p.m.: Evening Service; First Church of Christ, Scientist.

Monday, June 2d

6:15 p.m.: Twin-M League Baseball: Princeton vs. Princeton Junction; Brokaw Field, University Campus.

Tuesday, June 3d

Primary Election, N. J. Constitutional Convention; Polls open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

3:15 p.m.: Tennis: Princeton H. S. vs. Asbury Park; H. S. Courts.

Wednesday, June 4th

8:00 p.m.: "God Our Redeemer," the Rev. Dr. Niles; First Church.

8:15 p.m.: Mid-Week Service; First Church of Christ, Scientist.

Thursday, June 5th

8:00 p.m.: Meeting, Township Board of Education; Township School.

8:30 p.m.: Final concert of season, Princeton Group Arts Chorus, under direction of Leo Kraft; Witherspoon Street Y. M. C. A.

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News of the Theatres

The Playhouse

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The Yearling (All Week) is a fine screen version of the appealing novel by Marjorie Rawlings about a boy and his pet fawn. A tale of three persons struggling for a living in Florida's scrub country, the film is packed with story, color, good acting and emotion. Glamorized but worth seeing.

The Garden

The Angel and the Badman (Fri., Sat.) are, respectively, Gail Russell as a Quaker and John Wayne as an outlaw who are tossed together by the winds of a woolly Western. Acceptable of its kind.

Brief Encounter (Mon., Tues., Wed.) is an outstanding British film about a housewife and a doctor who fall in love, the emotions they experience and the decision they reach with regard to their respective families. Simply yet forcefully told, beautifully acted, highly recommended.

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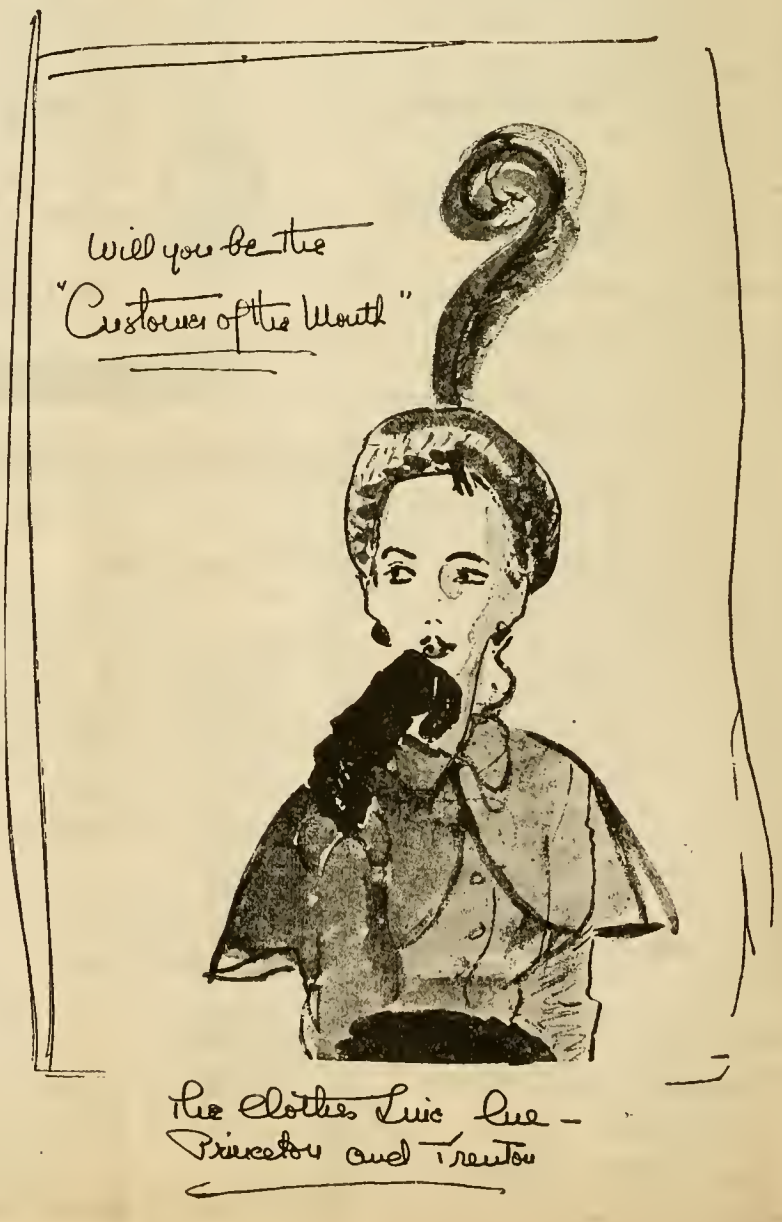
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